



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

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It's definitely a "new look and new era" of cooperation among friends of veterans in business. Walt Blackman, new CEO of The Veterans Corporation, reported in April. Teresa Lewis, Associate Administrator for SDVOSBC in SBA's Office of Government Contracting also reported in April. She joins Bill Elmore, SBA's Associate Administrator for Veterans Business Development. Together, they will strongly advocate for veterans' business interests, not just at SBA, but across Federal government.

A group of determined volunteers from Federal agencies began getting together monthly last November to discuss implementation of the Executive Order from the President, supporting Service-Disabled Veterans. The group is a strong and vibrant force for change. These advocates, generally from the Offices of Small and Disadvantaged Business, have pledged cooperation in conference scheduling, unity in aligning strategies, forthrightness in identifying best practices and consistency in program training.

In this first issue of VetBiz Quarterly Review, I want to applaud the work of these volunteers who are "blazing the trail" to increased procurement opportunities for veterans and service-disabled veterans. They are:

Stella Hughes, Dept. of Agriculture  
Dr. Alain Hunter, Dept. of the Air Force  
Nancy Tarrant, Dept. of the Navy  
Jeanette Via, Dept. of Labor  
Paul Briggs, Dept. of Labor  
Frederick Trakowski, Dept. of Labor  
Larry Murphy, Dept. of Labor  
Robert Wilson, Dept. of Labor  
Lt. Col. James Blanco, Dept. of the Army  
Barbara Little, Defense Contract Mgmt. Agency  
Charles Cervantes, Dept. of Defense  
Nicola Cooke, Dept. of Defense  
Frank Anderson, Dept. of Defense  
Marcia Richard, Dept. of Defense  
Thomas Ray, Defense Logistics Agency  
Kevin Boshears, Dept. of Homeland Security  
Nick Demer, Dept. of Energy  
Jeanette Brown, EPA  
Andrew Moran, EPA  
Lajuana Moody, EPA  
Susan Galliher, EPA  
Bob Elcan, FDIC  
Denis Peck, GSA  
Tom Brown, GSA  
Felipe Mendoza, GSA  
Arthurette Martin, HHS  
Debra Peters, HHS  
Robert Faithful, Dept. of the Interior

Ozzie Moore, HUD  
David Sutton, Dept. of Justice  
Rudy Watley, Smithsonian Institute  
Shapleigh Drisko, Dept. of State  
Rick Mayronne, Dept. of Transportation  
Bob Egge, USAID  
Rupert Warner, U.S. Postal Service  
Janice Williams Hopkins, U.S. Postal Service  
Renee Fitzgerald, Dept. of Treasury  
LaJuene Desmukes, Dept. of Commerce,  
George Rails, Dept. of Commerce  
Wayne McDonald, SSA  
Marcicio Vera, Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Donald Senich, National Science Foundation  
Ramona Jones, TSA HQ  
Dean Koppel, SBA  
Teresa Lewis, SBA  
Joe Wynn, NABVETS  
Rick Weidman, Veteran Task Force  
John Lopez, Veteran Task Force  
Gail Wegner, VA  
Nolita Pollard, VA  
Bruce St. John, VA  
Jim Dunning, VA  
Wayne Simpson, VA  
Deborah VanDover, VA  
Paulette Widmann, U.S. Navy  
Mike Gerich, OMB/OFPP



**CVE ANNUAL CHAMPION OF VETERANS ENTERPRISE AWARDS PROGRAM**

The Champion of Veterans Enterprise Awards Program was created to honor those individuals and organizations that put veterans and service-disabled veterans at the top of their list.

Veterans in business are also honored through this program. The award program formally recognizes local, Departmental and other organizations that "champion" and promote the Veterans Entrepreneurship program.

Awards are bestowed upon high performance individuals, contracting activities, contractors and support sector organizations for extraordinary leadership.

This year's ceremony, with the theme "The Year of No Excuses" was held June 14, 2005 at the Four Point Sheraton in Washington, D.C. The Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Gordon H. Mansfield attended the ceremony as the guest speaker and presented awards to the honorees.

This years award winners :

**Federal Agency Champions**

Office of Federal Procurement Policy  
Mr. David Safavian  
General Services Administration  
Mr. John Reynolds

**Support Sector Champions**

The Dwyer Group  
Ms. Dina Dwyer Ownes  
International Franchise Association  
Mr. John Reynolds

**Individual Champions**

Veterans Business Journal  
Mr. Chris Hale  
GSA EO 13360 Oversight Official  
Mr. Brad Scott  
Demolet Consulting  
Mr. Dennis Demolet  
VA VISN 15 Small Business Specialist  
Mr. Marcus Clayton

**Corporate Achievements**

CSC, Federal Sector Defense  
Ms. Diane Dempsey

**Other Agency Achievements**

GSA Fed. Tech Service:  
Region 8 - Ms. Pennie Estrada  
Region 10 - Ms. Dayna Ebersole  
DOL Emp. Benefits Security Administration  
Mr. Bradford Campbell

**VA Contractions Achievements**

Health Care Networks:  
VISN 5 - Mr. James Nocks  
VISN 7 - Mr. Roger Welch  
VISN 12 - Ms. Renee Oshinski  
VISN 17 - Mr. Thomas Stranova  
VISN 18 - Ms. Patricia McKlem

**Special Units:**

Austin Automation - Ms. Linda Voges  
OA&MM (Austin) - Mr. C. Ford Heard  
OHRA - Mr. R. Allen Pittman  
OFM - Mr. Robert Neary, Jr.

**Champions of Transition Assistance**

Tahlequah, OK SBDC  
Ms. Sue Floyd  
VA Regional Office, Muskogee, OK  
Ms. Janis Balsters  
OK PTAC  
Mr. John Hasler  
SFS Fabrication  
Mr. Jerry Ezell, President

**Enterprising Veteran Award**

Bexar Incorporated  
Mr. Ted Garcia, President

**Sustained Service Award**

Mr. Chris Figg

More information on this year's, and past year's, award honorees can be found at [www.VetBiz.gov](http://www.VetBiz.gov).